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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREAN PRESS

1. OVER PAST WEEK, KOREAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED TO RUN STORIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO GROWING EAST-WEST TENSIONS OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECRETARY VANCE'S LATEST CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

2. AS RECENT EXAMPLE, MARCH 3 CHOSON ILBO RAN FOUR ARTICLES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON PAGE THREE. THE LARGEST OF THESE COMPLIES REACTION IN FRANCE, URUGUAY, AND ARGENTINA AGAINST CARTER'S "HARD LINE" ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MENTIONED UK FORNMIN OWEN'S SUPPORT. SECOND WAS UPI STORY FROM SOHPIA ON NINE BLOC COUNTRIES' DISCUSSION THERE OF DISSIDENTS' ACTIVITIES. THIRD WAS AP STORY FROM WASHINGTON (ACCOMPANIED BY SMALL PICTURE) RECOUNTING CARTER'S MEETING MARCH 1 WITH SOVIET DISSIDENT BUKOVSKY (PHONETIC). LAST WAS AP STORY FROM BERKELEY, CA, TELLING OF PROTEST WHICH 220 SCIENTISTS CABLED TO VICE

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DIRECTOR OF SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON ARREST OF YURI ORLOV (PHONETIC).

3. OTHER STORIES APPEARING MARCH 3 AND 4 ON INSIDE PRESS PAGES REPORTED: SOVIET WARNING TO DISSIDENTS IN LENINGRAD THAT MEETING WITH FOREIGNERS WOULD EXPOSE THEM TO CHARGES OF TREASON; U.S. SENATE'S 92-0 VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR CARTER

ADMINISTRATION'S CRITICISM OF USSR AND POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; TASS'S CRITICISM OF U.S. AS A "COUNTRY HYPOCRITICAL ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS;" AND WORSENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NETHERLANDS AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, AFTER DUTCH FONMIN MAX VAN DER STOEL (PHONETIC) CALLED ON CZECH DISSIDENTS AND CZECH OFFICIALS THEN CANCELLED HIS APPOINTMENTS AND SENT HIM PACKING. OTHER STORIES HAVE COVERED INDIA, WHERE GRANDDAUGHTER OF GANDHI, SUMITRA KULKARNI (PHONETIC) ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 2 HER WITHDRAWAL FROM TCE NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY BECAUSE OF ITWRADUAL SHIFT TOWARD "TOTALITARIANISM".

4. KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS ALSO PAID PARTICULARLY CLOSE ATTENTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S APPEARANCES BEFORE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES OF SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES, ON FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 2. FIRST APPEARANCE WAS CARRIED FEBRUARY 25 IN SEVERAL AFTERNOON PAPERS, BUT GOVERNMENT SEOUL SINMUN WAS ONLY ONE WHICH VENTURED TO NOTE SPECIFICALLY THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS "ARE CONCERNED ABOUT KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS" IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN AID. HANGUK ILBO MARCH 4 REPORTED ON LATTER APPEARANCE, AND QUOTED VANCE AS SAYING U.S. IS RECONSIDERING ALL ITS FOREIGN POLICY WITH AN EYE TO REFLECTING AND PROMOTING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS. GLEYSTEN INTERVIEW (SEPTTEL) WAS ALSO GIVEN COVERAGE IN HANGUK ILBO AND SEOUL SINMUN.

5. COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LOOSENING OF PRESS RESTRICTIONS APPEARS TO BE STILL IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, WHILE EDITORS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE TO COVER OVERSEAS HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS WITH RELATIVE FREEDOM, THEY HAVE NOT COVERED MOST SENSITIVE DOMESTIC ASPECTS OF STORY, AND THEY HAVE AVOIDED TRICKY PROBLEM OF EDITORIALIZING ON INTERNATIONAL STORIES, LEAVING READERS TO DRAW OWN CONCLUSIONS.
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